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NPIC/P&DS-142-64
5 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Administration, NPIC

SUBJECT : PAR for Parallel Development of Prototype
Light Tables

DECLASS REVIEW BY NIMA / DoD

1. Attached is a memo for me from the project monitor for the light table development program. This, taken with the original Project Approval Request should more than sufficiently answer any questions you may have had which were pertinent to the proposed development action.

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2. As discussed with [REDACTED] there seemed to be no disagreement with the basic purpose to be achieved, but rather that there was some question that the PAR was clearly enough written to "clear all the hurdles at headquarters". To relieve this matter we asked that the unclear portions of the PAR be highlighted by your Staff in order that you could guide us toward a smoother route for approval. Though your last memo did not provide us with such assistance, it did raise some questions of almost a purely technical nature into which we had done some very intensive investigation well prior to submitting the original PAR, which function we perform as a regular P&DS responsibility on all proposed technical development projects.

It is impossible to relate in writing the totality of details which figure into the decision to recommend a particular development action. Most ordinarily any gaps in information so occurring are filled by discussion between the project monitor and responsible personnel in the affected components, which was done on this occasion; and by discussion around the table at the TDC sessions.

3. I trust that the attached memo will quell any doubts you had about the wisdom of our selection of recommended contractors for this important program. Already much valuable lead time has passed through the time consuming memoranda exchange necessary to bring us to this point. If you feel the PAR and supporting document do not yet give you the feeling that they will receive speedy action at headquarters we will welcome your advice as to how we can improve the request to insure the desired expeditious contract negotiations.

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